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# PETS OF THE WEEK: O'Reilly, Bledsoe and Nifty

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Check out the Scali family huskies, from the left O'Reilly, Nifty and Bledsoe. COURTESY PHOTOS/CYNTHIA SCALI

Cynthia Scali recently shared photos of her three beloved huskies with us: Nifty, O'Reilly and Bledsoe.

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Here is what Cynthia had to say:

O'Reilly is 11 years old, and was named after Terry O'Reilly of the Boston Bruins.

We had told our kids that if the Patriots won the Super Bowl in 2017, we'd get another dog and that's when we got Bledsoe, who's named after Drew Bledsoe.

Nifty Rick Middleton came to us in 2024.

They are wonderful dogs. They are also a staple in the Mayflower Road area and well loved by all who meet them.

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Nifty has had some health issues, and had surgery to insert a liver shunt. Fortunately, she's on the road to recovery.

We could not imagine our lives without them.

*Have you got a pet in your household you would like to spotlight? Just send us their name, a little bit of information about their age and personality and of course, do not forget to send a photo! Just email editor@winchesternews.org with Pet of the Week in the subject line.*

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Hi, I'm Griffin Lauretano and I am a purebred poodle! I am very smart and playful! I am 4 years old! I hang out in Winchester with my Grammie, Cheryl. We take long walks around our beautiful neighborhoods in Winchester and enjoy seeing other neighbors and their dogs! Hope

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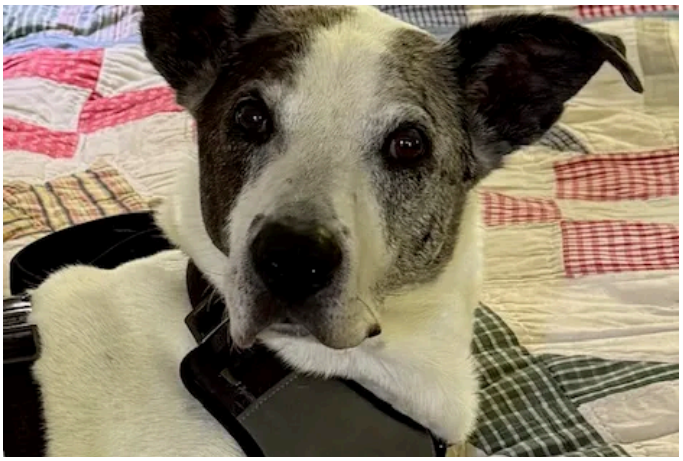

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## PET OF THE WEEK: Owen Wilson

By Lauren Herrmann Owen Wilson is a 13-year-old, 63-pound Catahoula Leopard, which is the state dog of Louisiana. This breed is thought to be a combination of dogs that Spanish and French explorers brought to the Choctaw Lakes region to herd wild boars in the 16th to 18th centuries. The

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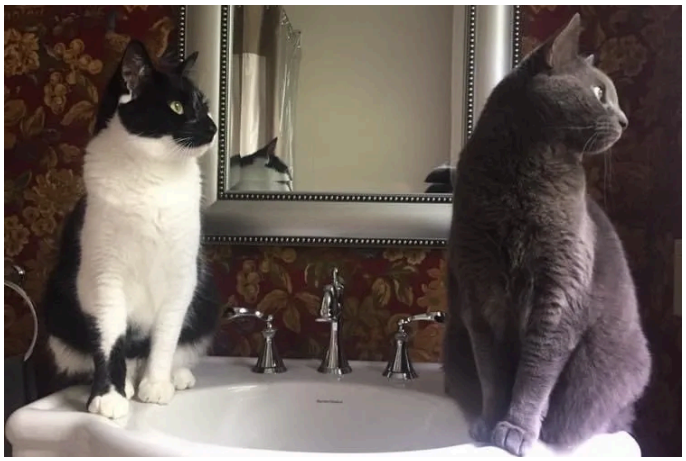

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## PETS OF THE WEEK: Moon Shadow and Sally

Moon Shadow and Sally are rescues whom Highland Avenue residents Tara and Rob

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## PET OF THE WEEK: Abby the tabby

Taking advantage of an ope[illegible] tabby just walked into Mahoney's and made

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Hughes adopted. "Sally is our older girl (14) originally an outdoor kitty from Somerville who fell in love with our daughter when she was little," the family says. "She is vocal, loving, smart and often hungry for

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herself at home. She introduced herself to her new human, who instantly fell in love with her. New cozy bed, toys, delicious food, treats ... life was good. Abby pays her way. Supervising floral arrangements

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Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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## 'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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## Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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